

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the title and replace it with -Apparatus For Routing Electrical Signals-

On page 4, line 30 and before the heading "Detailed Description", please add the following paragraph
--Figure 10 is an enlarged portion of another embodiment of a corner section of an IC package according to the present teachings.--

On page 14, after the end of the paragraph on line 6, please insert the following new paragraph --With specific reference to Figure 10 of the drawings, there is shown an enlarged portion of another embodiment of a corner section of an IC package according to the present teachings in which a layered structure has at least one signal trace 101 and stub trace 103 on the first side of an electrically insulating layer. A via 102 is electrically connected to the signal trace 101 and the stub trace 103. A generally planar electrically conductive layer is disposed on the second side of the electrically insulating layer. An impedance of the stub trace 103 is increased relative to the prior art by printing the stub trace with a reduced width relative to the signal trace 101. The amount

of width of the stub trace 103 relative to the signal trace is sufficiently smaller to increase an impedance of the stub trace 103 relative to the signal trace 101 to observe a similar improvement in signal trace signal integrity as discussed with respect to Figure 9 of the drawings and the embodiment of Figures 5 and 6.--

On page 20, please delete the entire Abstract and replace it with the following new Abstract:

-- An apparatus for routing electrical signals is a layered structure having a signal trace connected to a via and to a conductive stub trace on a first side. A reference layer is on a second side of the layered structure. Removing a portion of the conductive reference layer in an area of the stub trace increases the impedance of the stub trace without changing the impedance of the signal trace thereby improving an impedance match to another electrical element to which the apparatus is connected.--